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SUBJECT: Status of no-invasion guarantee, aerial surveillance and the quarantine.

QUESTION: Will the US continue to insist on some form of verification of withdrawals of offensive weapons (missiles, bombers, other) before it agrees to a "No-invasion" guarantee, cessation of aerial reconnaissance, or lifting of the quarantine?

CURRENT SITUATION REPORT:

This question would arise from a misunderstanding of the relationship between the US demand for international verification of weapons dismantlement and removal from Cuba (widely thought to be a demand for "On-site" inspection rights) with the various measures that are now being undertaken to assure dismantlement and removal.

SUGGESTED POINTS IN REPLY:

I would like to keep clear and distinct the nature of our agreement with the Soviet Union.

First, if the Soviet Union secures satisfactory verification by the United Nations or other international body that the offensive weapons systems in Cuba have been dismantled and removed, and safeguards taken against their reintroduction into Cuba, then we shall extend assurances against the invasion of Cuba. And since there would be in operation a satisfactory verification system, there would be no need for our aerial reconnaissance.

(2) If the Soviet Union removes the IL-28 bombers, having already dismantled and removed the missiles, then we would only lift the naval quarantine now being maintained around Cuba. But we would continue our aerial surveillance in view of the failure to secure verification of removal and to guard against the buildup of any new offensive capability on the island and we would not give a formal non-invasion guarantee.

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